GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON HUMAN CLONING
Jai Prakash Shri

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite opposition from a number of countries including India regarding imposing a ban on human cloning, a committee of UN has passed a non-binding of resolution in this regard; and

(b) if so, the likely effects on the research work being carried out by India in the field of clinical cloning in the event of the aforesaid resolution being adopted by UN General Assembly?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The UN General Assembly approved a non-binding resolution on Tuesday 8th March, 2005 that urges member states to adopt legislation "to prohibit all forms of human cloning in as much as they are incompatible with human dignity and the protection of human life". The proposal was passed by 84 to 34, with 37 abstentions. As it is a non-binding declaration, India's position on therapeutic cloning remains unchanged and will not effect the Stem Cell Research activities in the country.